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The street loafer has thawed out again.

Dance differently and you dance in style.

Anderson is My Town.—Go to church day.

Some sources of news dry up—Harry Thaw never will.

Will the veterans in Mexico ever hold any reunions?

"Faint up week" was spoken of fences not faces, dear ladies.

"The Climbers", interesting story was not written by old Doc Cook.

The innocent bystander in Mexico is the latest method of suicide.

Many a woman will take dictation as a stenographer but not otherwise.

Was that \$40,000 in Confederate money that the bandits got in Alabama?

Uncle Sam is taxed for hospitality, including soap, by the Mexican fugitives interviewed.

Will Gen. Villa ever adjourn sine die or is he a free conference committee ad libitum?

Some men in this town would enjoy shoveling snow, if they could sit down on the job.

Make farm houses better. The cows and mules have good barns. Do something for the wife.

John Dee is carrying the light into Asia. He sold two million Standard oil lamps in China.

Seven recent suicides, were, many chewers. But there are others to be disposed of.

The English suits are going too far if they try to make the natives promise to "obey" at the altar.

That Bamberg man, Mr. J. A. Hunter, ought to make a nice lieutenant governor, his middle name is Aquilar.

Billinghurst is not a suburb, but a deserted village. In other words, he is the ousted president of Peru.

Huerta seems to be the ideal hobo. He is running a government without money. Take notice, Gen. Coxy.

Japaned tin is what Huerta is after. Tanned Jap in is what Uncle Sam will do for the little gink.

There are 24,527 publications in the United States, and we like The Intelligencer about as well as any of the others.

The movement to reduce illiteracy might cause trouble among politicians when the boys read the ballots for themselves.

We can't understand why women will pluck their heads into man's of 24 inches diameter and wear Dutch collars.

Republics built on socialism and ignorance are failures: Vide; Mexico, China, Portugal. Greed is their magna charta.

Hot tamale is cold rituals compared with some of the meals Mexican brigands will enjoy if Uncle Sam decides to make them eat their words.

Now that Lieutenant Becker is out of prison, there may be added another reason for having Goethals at the head of the New York police department.

COMMISSION FORM HIGHLY COMMENDED

CITIES THAT HAVE TRIED IT ARE DELIGHTED AND SAY IT WILL SUIT ANDERSON—MINIMIZES WASTE, CENTERS RESPONSIBILITY, ELIMINATES WARD POLITICS.

Editor The Intelligencer: Spartanburg, Feb. 28.—The commission form of government is desirable for the following reasons: First—To a large extent it takes city affairs out of politics. Second—It puts all departments on a business basis. Third—It defines the work of each man and makes him personally responsible. Fourth—Failure to perform duty subjects commissioner to recall. Fifth—The commissioner views "My Town" as a whole and not from the former narrow basis of "My Ward." Spartanburg is pleased with results so far obtained. On account of the cost, Anderson might possibly find a mayor and two commissioners sufficient. PAUL V. MOORE, Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

IT SUITS SMALLER CITIES.

Editor The Intelligencer: Orangeburg, Feb. 28.—Orangeburg has been operated under the commission form of government during the past six months, and even former opponents of the adoption of the system are now well pleased with the results. We have better streets, better police service, better classification of public buildings and great improvement along other lines. Anderson should follow Orangeburg and adopt the commission form. FRED WANNAMAKER.

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WHAT IT DOES FOR COLUMBIA.

Columbia, Feb. 28.—Commission government is said to be a business government as divorced from small politics. If you can effect the divorce it will suit Anderson or any other progressive community. At its worst it is better for taxpaying civic shareholders than aldermanic government.

The short ballot, the limelight and direct accountability are steps that make for efficiency. The recall, the democratic reward of damages, the referendum, the reserved republicanism and the initiative is practical progressivism—commission government is a forward movement for forward looking cities. W. H. GIBBS.

BETTER MEN FOR OFFICE.

Columbia, Feb. 28.—Comparatively the business of governing a small city is identical with that of governing a large one. On a smaller scale, practically every problem is present. The smaller city really needs higher grade officers because it cannot afford the services of experts. Commission government has attracted a better class of citizens to public office.

It is a demonstrated success in nearly three hundred American cities, large and small. It has made city business as efficient as private; has taken advantage of discounts, has obtained interest on city funds, and has spent money efficiently, has reduced taxes and paid cash for all items. HAZLETT P. CLARK, Secretary Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

CITIZENS ARE INTERVIEWED ON THE COMMISSION FORM

Those Who Have Inquired Into It Are Prepared to Accept It for Anderson.

There has been a great deal of talk for the last few months with reference to the so-called commission form of government. The time has never seemed just right for the presentation of the subject, for there was always something else to be done. But the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is over, the Christmas holidays have gone, and there appears nothing immediately ahead to interfere with a study of and a discussion of this question in its respective phases.

A reporter for The Intelligencer set out Saturday to see some of the business men of the city with reference to the matter to learn their views, and some have pronounced and decided views while others are in a general way in favor of progress, and progress in other cities seems to be represented by the commission form of government. Being a rainy day, not very many could be seen Saturday, but the following are some of the expressions heard:

Mayor Lee G. Holleman.—I am unqualifiedly in favor of this plan and believe it will be a good thing for Anderson, as I declared in an interview some time ago.

Alderman E. E. Elmore.—I have always been in favor of the plan, and of municipal ownership of public utilities. It is the very thing for Anderson we can get it. I understand there is some general law under which Spartanburg and Orangeburg voted this, but of course special legislation at this session of the general assembly is out of the question.

Mr. P. Vandiver, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Columbia seems to thrive under it, and the people there tell me they like it fine. I am willing to try it for Anderson. My motto has been "When a man works for you, put him on the payroll." I believe it would be a good plan for Anderson.

Mr. J. O. Evans.—I am sure it is a good thing. I have been endeavoring to study up on it, and by observing the way the city of Columbia has gone forward I am sure that it is a feasible plan for any city. I am greatly impressed with what I have read of it.

Mr. Alexander.—I don't know enough about it to express an opinion, but those who know anything about it say that it is the thing we need. My idea of what the city needs is an apartment house, or so many great many small houses to run for homes. We just can't take care of the people coming here.

Mr. Blair Crayton.—Put me down for anything for the progress of the city. I am for whatever is better for Anderson.

W. L. Brissey.—We tried the commission form in the management of the Chamber of Commerce last year and it proved a great success. We were able to handle situations which no one man as president could have met. I have had the good fortune to visit several cities where this form of government is in existence, and I am told everywhere that the people would not give it up for anything. That is endorsement enough for me. Having been a green member of the council myself once, I know just how useless they are, and this thing of breaking in a new lot every two years is injurious to the best interests of the city. No big mercantile establishment in Anderson would change management every two or four years. Why should the city?

Capt. John R. Anderson, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Railway.—The commission form of government is the only way to run a city properly. I am heartily in favor of it. It is the only way to run any business. So far as my information is concerned, and so far as I have read on it, this is the business way to run any city.

J. M. Padgett.—I believe that the principle of commission form of government is good and I believe, from what I know of it that it would be a good step for Anderson to take.

U. M. Heard.—I always have been in favor of the commission form of government and I still am. I believe it would be the best thing that ever happened for the town and you can certainly count me in.

J. D. East.—I consider that the commission form of government is the only solution of the problems that confront Anderson and smaller towns, as well as some of the larger. I am certainly an advocate of the commission form of government.

W. H. Harrison.—I have hardly given the matter any serious consideration, but I would say off-hand that Anderson is too small for the commission form of government to be worked successfully. I believe that it might be a good scheme for a larger town but at present I do not believe it would pay Anderson to try it. It is too expensive.

H. J. Trammell.—I think a change of some sort is necessary and if commission form of government will better things I am for it.

A. W. Kay.—I don't know very much about how the commission form of government works, but I do know that the municipality ought to be taken out of politics and if the commission form of government will accomplish this end, I am an advocate for it.

R. W. Tribble.—The matter has been presented to me and I could hardly give an intelligent statement on the subject. I have heard of it and I hear concerning other towns under this system, and from my observation I believe that it would be a splendid step. What has been done other towns and cities can also be done in Anderson.

BEST CONVENTION EVER HELD IS THE UNIVERSAL EXPRESSION

Letters From Rev. M. Pendleton and Miss Grace Vandiver to Secretary F. M. Burnett, Praising Anderson for Its Hospitality to the Great Sunday School Convention.

Mr. F. H. Burnett, secretary of the Anderson Y. M. C. A. and chairman of the central committee in charge of the work of handling the South Carolina Interdenominational Sunday School convention has received two very interesting letters which express for him and for the people of Anderson appreciation of the work done in and by the city of Anderson through the committee.

Mr. Pendleton, who is the chairman of the executive committee, writes the following letter:

Dear Mr. Burnett: I must not let another day pass without writing to express my gratitude for your kindness and hospitality, and my appreciation of the splendid way that you handled the convention. Under your leadership Anderson has set a standard that will be hard for anybody else to follow. May be that was the reason the other towns were so backward about coming forward to invite us for next year.

The spirit of the convention has been absolutely fine. The attendance until that last day when the weather interfered was wonderful. All arrangements were made so well that we simply seemed to move along as if we had been there always. When you have a meeting of your executive committee, do express to them my personal and official appreciation of the excellent arrangement made for the comfort of the delegates and the progress of the convention.

I trust that you are not completely flustered with weariness today and that our coming has brought to your people some of the pleasure which has been a great inspiration to us and will be a sweet memory for all time. Faithfully and appreciatively yours, W. H. K. PENDLETON.

Yesterday Mr. Burnett received the following letter from Miss Grace W. Vandiver, the corresponding secretary, who has been the heart of the movement for several years:

My Dear Mr. Burnett: Through all of the days that have passed since the convention, even though they have been filled to the brim, there has been a grateful appreciation to you and to

members of the executive committee of Anderson for the splendid way in which the best convention in our history was carried forward.

I am very pleased that my last convention was held in your town and that I was made to know something of the splendid loyalty and co-operation of the Anderson men. I scarcely know how to express to you not only the thanks of the association, but my personal gratitude for the gracious way in which you did all the hard work most necessarily devolved upon the chairman of committee. I hear from every direction that the convention was the best that we have ever had. I believe the spiritual life struck by the speakers will mean much in the religious life of South Carolina. It was the universal expression of the delegates that they had a delightful time in Anderson. Will you please express to Secretary Whaley and the other members of the committee my grateful appreciation. Thanking you personally and praying God's blessing upon you in your own work, I am sincerely yours, Grace W. Vandiver.

Villa is said to have lived a while in the United States. His English education was sadly twisted, for he confuses "executive" and "executioner" and "executioner."

The belligerency of Gov. Coblentz of Texas, must make Mexico trouble, for the "greasers" have always contended that they could whip the United States—all but Texas.

Queer Food for Fishes

New York, Feb. 28.—Thousands of revolvers, shotguns, rifles, knives, stilettoes, disks and other weapons, together with a large collection of burglars' and safebreakers' tools, valued at immense sums, were sunk today. The arms and tools, the reprisals of the police, were loaded onto the police patrol, taken to the sea and dumped into the ocean, three miles off Scotland Lightship. Fish like light fishes.

Facts in Human Life

The number of languages spoken in the world amounts to 3,064. The inhabitants of the globe profess more than 1,000 different religions. The number of men is about equal to the number of women. The average of human life is about thirty-three years.

One quarter die previous to the age of seven years, one-half before seventeen, and those who pass this age enjoy a felicity refused to one-half of the human species.

To every 1,000 persons one reaches 100 years of life; to every 100 only six reach the age of seventy-five; and not more than one in 500 lives eighty years of age. There are on earth 1,000,000,000 inhabitants; and of these 33,333,333 die every year, 91,824 every day; 3,730 every hour, and sixty every minute, or one every second. These losses are about balanced by an equal number of births.

The married are longer-lived than the single, and above all, those who observe a sober and industrious conduct. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life in their favor previous to being fifty years of age than men, but very few afterwards.

The number of marriages is in proportion of seventy-five to every 1,000 individuals. Marriages are more frequent after the equinoxes; that is during the months of June and December. Those born in the spring are generally more robust than others. Births and deaths are more frequent by night than by day. The number of men capable of bearing arms is estimated at one-fourth the population.

Only the apparently healthy are asked to take life insurance. Statistics show that about ten per cent of those who apply for insurance are refused.

Does this suggest anything to you?

M. M. MATTISON, Gen. Agt.

CHAS. W. WEBB, District Agent JOE J. TROWBRIDGE, Special Agent

MARCH calendar with a drawing of a man and a woman, and text: Just twenty days before spring takes legal possession of the season. During the winter we spotted the coming fashions, applied the acid test, and you'll find here all that's correct in men's dress. Suits that are "popular" but not "common." New hats that will make you head the list of good-lookers. Stetson's \$3.50 to \$5. New spring cravatting as brilliant as sunlight, gay as a Tango Teacher. We prepay charges on all mail orders when remittance accompanies order. B.D. Evans & Co. The Store With a Conscience.